

KANSAS IS GREAT.

Every speaker at the great bridge demonstration had something to say of the greatness of Kansas. Even Governor Leawelling forgot that we are "on the verge of political, moral, and financial ruin," and dwelt upon the immensity of our resources.—Leavenworth Times, January 4.

Whether it be through a benighted ignorance that is pitiable, or a malicious determination to deceive the people that is despicable, the fact remains that it is impossible for a republican editor to approach a fair statement of public questions. Look at the above paragraph as a sample. Who has ever questioned the resources either of Kansas or of this nation? Were it a fact that the present condition of the American people could be attributed to failure of our productive resources, there would be some excuse for it. Now there is none. The earth has yielded plentifully of food to supply every man, woman and child with abundance. Our manufactories and mines have turned out their products with a bountiful hand sufficient to afford to all every comfort of life. Yet, in the midst of all this plenty, millions are starving and freezing and are utterly powerless to obtain these things for which there is no market, and of which they are so much in need. In the presence of these conditions, and of the business paralysis throughout the country, we say there is something wrong, and that wrong approaches very near the "verge of political, moral and financial ruin."

Every American citizen is proud of the resources of his country; every Kansan is proud of the resources of his state; but of the statesmen who have brought about the conditions above noted by a vicious system of state and national legislation, the Times may be proud, but the people are not. This eternal parade of the prosperity of the country in the face of such abnormal and absolutely inexcusable conditions is sickening. If prompted by ignorance, it is pitiable; if by any other motive, it is contemptible. What has the Times to say of existing conditions, and what remedy does it propose for them? It would be a great relief to find a republican editor possessed of both the ability and the honesty to state fairly the position of a political opponent, and intelligently discuss such differences as really exist.

HOPES FOR BETTER THINGS.

The Leawelling-Lease divorce, the Corbette Mitchell bliviation and the malodorous Pollard-Breckenridge imbroglio make up the staple of news now. It is an unsavory mess. We hope for better things.—Capital, Jan. 6.

Certainly, one would naturally conclude that you hope for better things from a perusal of your columns from day to day. Suppose you vary the program by giving us your views of the causes that have led to the present unfortunate condition of our country, and a statement of the measures you would propose to remedy this condition. Try and divest this treatise of partisan bias and discuss causes and proposed remedial measures from the standpoint of a patriotic citizen rather than the standpoint of a partisan. Such a departure

would be exceedingly refreshing to the people who have been surfeited with the unsavory diet which has constituted the staple of news for so long a time. The subject suggested for discussion is one that is receiving very wide attention just now, and certainly one that is of the greatest possible importance to the American people.

Permit us to suggest one feature of the subject concerning which we would be especially gratified to see an expression of your views. On the one hand our farms have yielded an abundance of food for all our people. This food is needed by hungry millions who are unable to buy it. Many of these hungry millions on the other hand have been engaged in our mines and manufactories in the production of staple products which the farmers who possess the food, actually need but cannot buy, because they cannot sell in a fair market the things they have to dispose of. Each needs the products of the other, and each alike is unable to effect the exchange necessary to supply his wants. Please tell us what is wrong, and how you would propose to remedy this condition. Are you satisfied with these things as they are? We take the liberty to suggest that even Capital readers would appreciate a discussion of such topics as these in preference to the surfeit of partisan trash with which the columns of the Capital are usually filled. Try it and observe the effect.

ABOUT KANSAS.

Governor and Mrs. Leawelling are taking a trip to Utah.

The Bow Creek Irrigation company is a newly chartered company whose place of business is in Rooks county.

Thirty thousand bushels of 44 cent wheat was shipped out of Wichita one day last week at an expense of 27 cents per hundred to St. Louis.

J. W. Laybourn, of Osage county, was appointed last week to fill the vacancy on the board of pardons made by the resignation of J. F. McDonald.

The national council of the F. A. & L. U. will hold its annual session in Topeka, February 6. This will be the first session it has ever held west of the Mississippi river.

Several interesting decisions will be found in the supreme court syllabi this week. One is that county clerks are entitled to no more compensation than the salaries allowed by law.

Martin Mohler and ex-Governor Glick has telegraphed Secretary Morton an invitation to attend the meeting of the state board of agriculture here this week. What a pair of Dromios Morton and Mohler would make, sure enough.

On Monday a number of Kansas appointments were made by the president. Among them are: S. F. Neeley, for United States marshal; T. J. McCue for receiver and J. N. Fike for register of the land office at Colby, and John A. Lee receiver at Dodge City.

The Santa Fe tax commissioner is making settlements with county commissioners, wherever the boards can be induced to receive what he thinks is the proper amount of taxes for the county. The Burlington has applied to the United States court for protection against alleged excessive taxes.

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

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The Haynes Realty and Financial Company of St. Louis has failed with liabilities amounting to \$175,000.

The son of an Austrian nobleman named Flenevassy is under arrest in Denver for stealing clothing. He had lost all his money at the World's Fair.

The Boston holders of Santa Fe bonds want some more receivers appointed to protect their interests. There is little doubt but what the court will accommodate them.

France is indulging in a wholesale arrest and prosecution of anarchists. France has not felt right ever since the frauds practiced by her leading statesmen were exposed.

The California Wine Dealers association protests against the provision in the Wilson tariff bill limiting the duty on wines to 100 per cent. of its declared value and permitting the use of sugar and alcohol spirits in the manufacture of sweet wines.

The London Telegraph says: "The proposal to add Utah, Arizona and New Mexico to the states of American union will probably involve the United States in embarrassment more difficult to surmount than any it has thus far experienced." That's startling.

A crank with a big gun tried to get into the cell of the condemned murderer, Prendergast, the other day, saying he would commit murder if the Lord ordered him to. Now if Prendergast's crime proves him to be a republican it naturally follows that the other crank is a democrat.

Ex-Senator Edmunds is to argue an important case in the supreme court. It is the appeal by the interstate commerce commission from the decision of Judge

Gresham, before he became secretary of state, in the case against W. S. Briscoe, J. S. Keef and W. R. Stirling. These men refused to answer the questions of the commission regarding different railroads. Judge Gresham held that the portion of the section which requires courts to use their process to aid inquiries before the interstate commerce commission is null and void.

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